

the "Vacancies Act") to clarify statutory requirements relating to vacancies in and appointments to certain Federal offices, with amendments;

S. 712, to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2675, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit proposed legislation under which group universal life insurance and group variable universal life insurance would be available under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3096, to make a technical correction to a provision relating to the termination of benefits for convicted persons;

H.R. 930, to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses, with amendments;

S. 2071, to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce through September 30, 2005; and

The nominations of G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Management, and Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Adminis-

trator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, both of the Office of Management and Budget.

Also, committee began markup of S. 389, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

TEENAGE DRUG ABUSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the causes and effects of illegal drug use by teenagers, receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Nancy J. Auer, Swedish Hospital, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the American College of Emergency Physicians; Sushma Jani, Devereux Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and certain protected witnesses.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration S.J. Res. 40 and H.J. Res. 54, measures proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to Prohibit the Physical Desecration of the Flag of the United States.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, June 24.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4069–4076; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 123 and H. Res. 475, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 476, providing for consideration of H. Res. 463, to establish a select committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China (H. Rept. 105–583).

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Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Oxley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: The House agreed to H. Res. 471, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 236.

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Tax Code Termination Act: The House passed H.R. 3097, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 239.

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Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that expresses the sense of Congress that comprehensive reform of the Tax Code should be enacted no later than April 15, 2001 with hearings to commence no later than 30 days after enactment by a yea and nay vote of 203 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 238.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 472, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 235. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 234. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 105–580, accompanying the rule, was considered as adopted.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:03 p.m. and reconvened at 4:38 p.m.

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Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House resumed debate on H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. The bill was previously debated on May 22.

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H. Res. 442, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 21.

Rejected the White amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to create a temporary 12-member commission to propose federal campaign finance reform, appointed within 15 days of enactment, to report to Congress with its recommendations within 6 months of adjournment of the 105th Congress (rejected by a recorded vote of 156 yeas to 201 nays with 68 voting “present”, Roll No. 241).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4712–22.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two quorum calls, Roll No. 237 and Roll No. 240, two yeas and nay votes, and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4652–53, H4653, H4654, H4677, H4677–78, H4678, H4680–81, and H4694.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS— AGRICULTURAL TRADE—AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the 1999 Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade—Africa and the Middle East. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS; TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999: Defense; and Treasury, Postal Service, General Government.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; Ellen Lazar, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; and Richard B. Calahan, Deputy Inspector General; Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

PORTALS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met to receive subpoenaed documents in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing Portals investigation.

Adopted, by a vote of 9 to 6, a resolution finding Franklin L. Haney in contempt for failure to comply with the subpoena duces tecum served on him, and directing the Chairman of the Subcommittee to report such finding to the full Committee for such action as the Committee deems appropriate.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2921, Multichannel Video Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 872, amended, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1998.